
**APPLICATION for the 2011-2012 Academic Year
LUIS J. DEGRAFFE PRE-LAW ACADEMY**

A pipeline program sponsored by the
Office of Diversity Initiatives of the Law School Admission Council

With the continued support of our Board and the Office of Diversity Initiatives of the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), we are excited to announce our 7th Annual LAWbound season. LAWbound's Luis J. DeGraffe Pre-Law Academy will take place in August 2011 and January 2012. The curriculum is an academic empowerment program that introduces legal methods and processes, and provides comprehensive pre-law counseling.

Eligibility Requirements

- Latino/a currently enrolled as a college freshman or sophomore at the time of application to the program.
- Demonstrate strong academic potential with a minimum overall B average (or better) and permit LJ PRLDEF access to your academic record.
- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a legal education.
- Must be able to attend the full prep program, which takes place from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, during **either** the summer, August 8-12, 2011 **or** the winter, January 9-13, 2012. **If not from the New York City area you must secure your own housing for the program.**

Submission Requirements

- **APPLICATION FORM** (attached)
- **TRANSCRIPT(S)** – official undergraduate transcripts from all colleges attended.
- **NOMINATION FORM** (to be completed by college professor or advisor)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - **For the summer class is Friday, June 17, 2011.** You must be able to attend the full summer academy from August 8-12, 2011. **Mailed** applications must be **postmarked** by Friday, June 17th to be eligible for consideration. **Emailed and faxed** applications must be **received** by Friday, June 17th to be considered.
 - **For the winter class is Friday, November 18, 2011.** You must be able to attend the full winter academy from January 9-13, 2012. **Mailed** applications must be **postmarked** by Friday, November 18th to be eligible for consideration. **Emailed and faxed** applications must be **received** by Friday, November 18th to be considered.
 - You may send your faxed application to **LatinoJustice LAWbound®** at 212-431-4276 or via email to spatrick@latinojustice.org. Please submit your application materials as early as possible.

Program Incentives

Students accepted as LAWbound Scholars will receive:

- **METROCARDS** to cover transportation expenses
- **MEALS** -- Breakfast and Lunch Daily
- **Books and materials**

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LAWbound® Application for the 2011-2012 Academic Year

Read the application carefully and complete **ALL** sections.

1. Print/type carefully so that your form will be easy to read. You may attach pages.
2. If a question does not apply to you, please write "N/A" in the answer space.
3. **You must apply to one** of the academies (see box below) but not to both.
4. Please make sure you **sign and date** this form.

I. General Information

Full Name (first, middle, last) _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender: M / F

Place of Birth _____ Father's _____ Mother's _____

Ethnic/Racial Background. Check the appropriate ethnic/racial designation(s):

(This information will be used for tracking purposes; you may check more than one.)

Chicano/Mexican American Dominican Native American Puerto Rican
 Other Latino (specify) _____ African American Asian/Pacific
Islander Caucasian Other/Mixed (please specify) _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS (if the same as mailing address, you may leave blank)

Street _____

Street _____

City _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone (____) _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Mobile Telephone (____) _____

Emergency Phone: _____

(____) _____

If applicable:

Business Telephone (____) _____

Email Address: _____

(Please provide your most reliable email address)

Please check one (you must apply to **one** of the following):

_____ I am applying for the Summer 2011 Program; I can attend the August 8-12, 2011 Summer Academy.

_____ I am applying for the Winter 2012 Program; I can attend the January 9-13, 2012 Winter Academy.

Name _____

II. Educational Background

In order of attendance, please list all high schools, colleges and universities that you have attended up to today. Please be sure to provide all dates.

School Name	Dates of Attendance/ Graduation Date(s)	Major or Fields of Study (if applicable)

III. Please answer the following questions in the space provided. You may also attach your responses on a separate sheet to this application.

1. Tell us about yourself. Please share information about your personal background (e.g. special interests, hobbies, skills, extracurricular activities, etc.). Please include (if applicable) a description of any challenges you have overcome that have impacted your life thus far.

Name _____

2. Why are you interested in participating in the LatinoJustice PRLDEF LAWbound program? How do you think it will be helpful to you?

3. Please describe how you became interested in the law and what you hope to accomplish as a lawyer or with a law degree.

I certify that the information reported on this application is complete and accurate:	
Signature	Date

Please mail or fax completed application and supporting documentation to:

LatinoJustice PRLDEF
99 Hudson Street, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10013
Attn: LAWbound (if using FedEx or express mail: address to Sonji Patrick)
Fax (212) 431-4276
Phone (212) 739-7497/7517 (Ms. Patrick/Ms. Maldonado)

You may also email your application to spatrick@latinojustice.org. Please place "LAWbound Application" in the subject of your email. Thank you.

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LAWbound® 2011-2012 Nominating Form

Name of applicant:

Confidentiality Pledge; Waiver of Claim to Access

TO THE APPLICANT: When completed and returned to us, this nominating form will be used in the review process for LAWbound, LatinoJustice PRLDEF's pipeline program focused on increasing Latino access to law school. Sign below here to waive any claim to access to this recommendation form and/or attached letter. Please provide this signed form to your evaluator, so he/she may send it in to us with their letter.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Name of Evaluator, Title

Best Phone number

TO THE EVALUATOR: We solicit your candid appraisal of the above-named applicant for participation in LatinoJustice PRLDEF's LAWbound program. In an effort to expand the Latino presence and diversify the bar, this pilot project will work to provide strong support to promising Latino college students who have articulated a desire to study law in the future. First, LatinoJustice PRLDEF has created a one-week program called the Luis J. DeGraffe Summer Academy, as well as workshops and seminars to provide supplemental academic advisement and pre-law counseling. Second, participating students will be partnered with both a law school and attorney mentor. Third, participating students will be offered comprehensive pre-law services including a discount on the LSAT courses through the LatinoJustice PRLDEF-Princeton Review partnership.

Please provide specific information to support this student's application to our program. For your convenience, we have provided a series of questions (on the back) that you may use as a guide. You do not have to answer all of these questions specifically; they are simply a reference tool for your use as needed. Please include any information you believe would be helpful. The applicant has signed this form above to indicate his or her waiver of any claim to access to your comments.

All completed nominating forms and letters should be sent to Ms. Sonji S. Patrick, **LatinoJustice PRLDEF LAWbound**, 99 Hudson Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10013 or via email to spatrick@latinojustice.org. You may also fax your nomination letter to 212-431-4276. Thank you very much for taking the time to help us learn more about this applicant.

All supporting documentation for summer 2011 is due by Friday, July 1, 2011. All supporting documentation for winter 2012 is due by Friday, December 2, 2011.

Questions for Evaluators to Consider

Please do not answer the questions on this page. These are offered as a general guideline only; please submit nomination in the form of a letter. Thank you for your cooperation.)

1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?
2. Based on your personal knowledge of the applicant, how well qualified do you feel to appraise the applicant?
3. To what degree do you believe that the applicant has the strong academic potential, ability, personal integrity, personal skills and necessary motivation to successfully complete this initiative? If possible, please give examples that reflect your opinion.
4. What do you perceive as the applicant's academic strengths? If possible, please give examples that reflect your opinion.
5. What do you perceive as the applicant's weaknesses, academic or otherwise? If possible, please give examples that reflect your opinion.
6. Do you know of any special circumstances in the applicant's social or academic background, personality or experience that should be considered in evaluating the likelihood of the applicant's success in LAWbound? If possible, please give examples that may reflect the applicant's talents, interests and aspirations.
7. Please add any additional information you think would be relevant to us in making our decision.

Please note:

The LAWbound Summer 2011 Academy takes place from August 8-12, 2011. The Winter Academy will take place from January 9-13, 2012.

All supporting documentation (i.e. transcripts, nominating forms and recommendation letters) for summer 2011 is due by Friday, July 1, 2011.

All supporting documentation for winter 2012 is due by Friday, December 2, 2011.

Thank you again for your help.